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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 4,405,989 (Tsukada et al.), dated September 20, 1983;

United States Patent No. 5,536,359 (Kawada et al.), dated July 16, 1996;

United States Patent No. 5,897,378 (Eriguchi), dated April 27, 1999;

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Respectfully submitted,



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